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REMARKS:

- 1. Per Office request, attached is a complete listing of the claims as modified, including those claims drawn to a non-elected species (withdrawn), withdrawal of Claim 23 per Examiner's First Office Action on the merits, and correction of a typographical error for Claim 24.
- 2. The attorney is interpreting the MPEP/ 37 C.F.R. 1.121 with regard to this presentation of the pending status of claims as follows:
 - Claims previously marked as "new" that were submitted with a Preliminary Amendment prior to the First Office Action have been changed to "previously presented."
 - Claim 24, which was submitted with a preliminary amendment prior to the First Office Action, has been labeled as "currently amended" since the dependent claim reference was changed from "25" to "24."
 - Claims 13 through 20 are drawn to a non-elected species. Of these claims, those listed as "withdrawn" were originally submitted with the application or were changed during the Preliminary Amendment submitted prior to the First Office Action.

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